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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Renata Maria Anna Cavaliere VESELY

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

SERIAL NO.: 08/813,776

FILED: MARCH 7, 1997

: EXAMINER: MINNIFIELD

FOR: STRAINS OF BACTERIA

AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF SUCH STRAINS AND USE OF SAME FOR PREVENTING AND

TREATING DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH OR CAUSED BY ALTERED METABOLISM OF

BILE ACIDS

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In further response to the Official Action dated August 4, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following statement.

STATEMENT

The undersigned, an attorney of record, states that:

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